1	2	3	4
N.D.S. Zone/S. Zone	14·00	84	65·00
Rural*	9·00	27	12·00
NDMC	4·00	31	31·00
Cantonment	1·30	11	13·0
TOTAL:	88·80	510	435 00
Free Public Water-Hydrants .			25·00
		TOTAL	460·00

* Requirement of water calculated @ 30 GPCD inclusive of all uses.

Import of edible oil

1146. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import edible oils to augment the supplies;

(b) if so, the details of the edible oils proposed to be imported indicating the cost and the sources of import;

(c) the supplies already received since January, 1991; and

(d) how it has affected the edible oil prices since January, 1991 month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is already importing edible oils to bridge the gap between the demand and supply to maximum possible extent subject to availability of Foreign Exchange. Considering the sensitive nature of edible oil market, it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose the quantity, price or the place from where the edible oil imports would be made.

(c) and (d) Since 1st January, 1991 till 28th February, 1991, a quantity of 54,000 tonnes of Refined Palmolein has been imported. Though the imported oil supplied through PDS at reasonable prices act as a check on the rise in prices of indigenous edible oils, it is difficult to assess the exact impact.

Seminar on Agricuicural Development

1147. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national seminar on 'Development reconsidered' organised by the society for International Development was held on January 14, 1991 at Jaipur;

(b) if so, what observations and suggestions were made at the seminar, especially in regard to agricultural development, and the role of support prices system in relation to agricultural products in the matter; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.